

Hello! This is Dorothy –

It was several years ago a friend of mine told me of her son, who was a pastor in a church with a lovely wife and family. He had been gang-raped in a city in the States. This was a very sad situation, because it brought on not only leukemia, but he died afterward of AIDs. When we hear these horror stories, we are reminded of what is gripping, like an enormous plague across this continent, this dreadful condition of AIDS. My husband several years ago, wrote a very simple tract. It is a tract called Hope for the Hopeless.. We have been on the streets of Africa. We have sat with people and as they have gone over these verses from Scripture, they have found in the bleakest hour of their lives, perhaps in their dying days, that there is eternal life in Christ Jesus. They can be set free from satanic bondage. So for that reason, I want to share about this little tract with you. As we have opportunity to share what Christ has done, we realize in that little word, AIDS, there is something that all of us know a little bit about.

A stands for how we can go to Heaven — which is very important for you to know. It says, **For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.** That's in the

Book of Romans 3:23 and 6:23.

From **A**, we go to the next letter, **I**. This has to do with how we can go to Heaven. It is encouraging to know that Jesus said, **I go to prepare a place for you. . . Jesus said that. . . I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there you may be also.** That is in **John's Gospel, chapter 14, verses 2 and 3.** It was in Kenya, where the hospitals were filled with people dying of AIDS, that many people, e'er they went out of this life, came to really know the Lord Jesus Christ. It is amazing how some of them in their frailty and sheer distress and isolated from families, struggled to get out of bed and come to a center where we made these wonderful little tracts available. Then they would go, hardly able to carry them, back to share with other dying people the glorious news that, although their bodies were dying, they could know that they were going to go to Heaven! Yes, they had seen that they had sinned, and realized that Jesus had come to prepare a place for them.

For it says (under the letter **D**) —

(He) died for our sins according to the Scriptures (that) through death He might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is the devil. (Now the Lord declares) I am He that liveth, and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore. Amen, and I have the keys of hell and death.' Those verses are in **1 Corinthians 15:3;**

Hebrews 2:14, and Revelation 1:18. Do you understand what it means for the hopeless? You may be feeling there is no way to go to heaven, but, you see, Somebody said, "I dealt with death; I dealt with hell; I want to bring you to heaven!"

The last letter, **S**, says -

(We can be) saved through faith; and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God.(The Lord Jesus Christ said) - I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. That is in **Ephesians 2:9** and in **John's Gospel chapter 10 and verse 9.** It also says that it is necessary for you to know that salvation is God's free gift. Repentant sinners can be saved through faith. What does that mean? If I were to offer a gift to you today, I wonder what you would do. You might look at it; you might like it; you might think you want it. But you have to put out your hands and say, "Thank You, I receive this gift." You are too poor, and no man on earth is wealthy enough to buy salvation. It took our Lord Jesus Christ to make this possible.

Will you today, if you have AIDS, or if you don't have AIDS, or if you are frightened of this whole thing, realize you can go to Heaven by obeying what God has said and, by faith, putting out your hands and saying, *Yes, Lord, I want to receive You into my heart and life.* As you do so, it says, **But now, in Christ Jesus, you who sometimes were far off are made near by the blood of Christ.** That is in the **Book of**

Ephesians chapter 2, verse 13. Yes, there is hope for the hopeless!
Whether or not you have AIDS, God has made a way for you to go to
Heaven. Will you receive Him right now?

In Jesus ' Name. Amen.